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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;RAMSINH PATALIYABHAI RATHWA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to each State for the various welfare schemes for handicapped children and widows in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated to Gujarat for the purpose under these schemes during this period have been utilized;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to ensure that funds allocated for the welfare schemes of handicapped are not diverted elsewhere?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to(b) The schemes for handicapped children and handicapped widows form part of the scheme for the disabled and there are no separate allocations. Schemes and programmes cover all persons with disabilities. The funds are not allocated State-wise. The Ministry monitors the working of the institutions that are released funds for the implementation of the different programmes and utilization certificates are obtained for releases made in earlier years before funds are released in subsequent years.

The amounts released by the Govt. of India for the schemes and programmes for the welfare of disabled persons are as follows;

Year	Amount released
1999-2000	Rs.164.09 Crore
2000-2001	Rs.246.65 Crore
2001-2002	Rs.272.19 Crore